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* 39 *Q.*—SRI T. SAMPATH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Supreme Court has declared that the Madras Marumakkathayam Act, 1955, as void; and

(*b*) if so, the action the Government propose to take?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It is seen from newspaper report, that the Supreme Court has declared the Madras Marumakkathayam (Removal of Doubts) Act, 1955, as void.

(*b*) The legislation that has been struck down by the Supreme Court relates to *sthanam* properties situated in Malabar which forms part of Kerala. After the Reorganisation of States this Government have only academic interest in the matter. The Supreme Court decision is final and has to be accepted as laying down the correct law. Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter as they are not concerned with it at present.

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* 40 *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI) : கனம் முதல் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்கு பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) அரசாங்க ஊழியர்கள் சம்பந்தமான விஷயங்களைப் பற்றி ஆலோசனை கூற "விட்லி கவுன்சில்கள்" மாதிரி "ஊழியர் கவுன்சில்கள்" எத்துறையினருக்கு ஏற்படுத்தப்பட்டுள்ளன ?

(ஆ) சென்ற ஆண்டு அவைகள் எத்தனை முறை கூடி என்னென்ன சிபாரிசுகள் செய்தன?

(இ) இம்மாதிரி கவுன்சில்கள் எல்லா துறைகளுக்கும் ஏற்படுத்தப்படுமா ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (அ) Secretariat, Revenue, Forest, Medical and Public Works Departments are represented in the Madras Civil Services Joint Council, established on the lines of Whitley Councils functioning in the United Kingdom.

(ஆ) During 1959, the Council met once in February. It recommended to Government that—

(i) the fixed travelling allowance for last grade Government servants might be revised taking into consideration the enhanced rate of dearness allowance;

(ii) the pace of electrification of Government offices should be accelerated;

(iii) the posts for which one year's probation had been prescribed as against the normal period of two years might be reviewed to see whether the probation for any more posts could be reduced to one year; and

(iv) the heads of departments might be directed to issue instructions to their subordinates to avoid delays in the despatch of last pay certificates.

(இ) The existing constitution of the Council provides for future expansion of the Council to include other departments.